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TO: Ambassador Albright  
THRU: Ambassador Gnehm  
Ambassador Inderfurth  
FROM: POL - Cameron R. Hume WCN  
SUBJECT: SC Informals on Rwanda, Thursday, April 27, 11:00 am

Background

All the Department's suggested changes have been incorporated in the most recent draft, which was arrived at in working group. The Czechs informed the working group that the President and Rwandan PR had reached agreement that the Rwandans would participate as "passive observers" to the working group in order to speed up the group's work. Amb. Manzi will present Rwanda's comments on the text Thursday morning at the ambassadorial level. We do not know what those amendments are, but have a press release which should indicate the general tenor of their remarks. The press release expresses deep regret for the loss of life, announces the GOR decision to investigate, and recites their reasons for taking action to close the camps.

We have not yet received the Department's reactions to the newest draft, but do not anticipate they will have any problems with it. The most important point for us is to retain the call upon the GOR (in para 9) to open their borders to food shipments. If the Department gives us any specific instructions at the last minute we will, of course, inform you.

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